

## Federal Subsistence Board News Release



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## Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Times For the Week of June 18<sup>th</sup>

Federal subsistence users may use drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of king salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14. Those wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a permit. These Federal public waters are within the Innoko and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets.** Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing.

Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (1-800-656-1231 or 656-1231). Identification confirming local residency is required to obtain a free permit. Depending upon interest, permit issuing agents may visit Ruby, Koyukuk, and/or Tanana. Fishing with drift gillnets is allowed for king salmon only during the last 18-hours of the weekly regulatory fishing period opening(s) in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted.

The third 18-hour drift gillnet opening will occur on Tuesday, June 20 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the fourth 18-hour drift gillnet opening will occur on Friday, June 23 from 12:01 a.m. to 6 p.m. Future Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C fishing times are subject to change depending upon salmon run strength.

Sunday June 18	Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23	Saturday June 24
		12:01AM to			12:01AM to	
	Regular	6PM	Regular	Regular	6PM	
Regular	Subsistence	Both Regular	Subsistence	Subsistence	Both Regular	Subsistence
Subsistence	Fishing	and Drift are	Fishing	Fishing	and Drift are	Closed
Opens at	Open	Open	Opens at	Open	Open	
6PM			6PM			
Both Regular and Drift Fishing Close at 6PM						

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